

9.(New) The high-voltage direct current semiconductive shield of claim 4,  
wherein the ethylene copolymer is crosslinked.

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

#### CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 4-6 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), contending that the claims are in improper form. Applicants have amended Claims 4 – 6 and added new Claims 7 – 9 to obviate this objection. The amended claims and new claims are not multiple dependent claims which depend on another multiple dependent claim.

#### DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 – 3 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over Claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,670,554. Applicants are filed concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby obviating the rejection.

In view of the present amendments and the foregoing arguments, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the objection and rejection and allow the presently pending claims. However, if the Examiner believes the presently pending claims are not suitable for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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